Jubilee Day in Ohio Village

Emancipation by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Fling out your banners, your honors be bringing,
Raise to the ether your paeans of praise.
Strike every chord and let music be ringing!
Celebrate freely this day of all days.

Few are the years since that notable blessing,
Raised you from slaves to the powers of men.
Each year has seen you my brothers progressing,
Never to sink to that level again.

Perched on your shoulders sits Liberty smiling,
Perched where the eyes of the nations can see.
Keep from her pinions all contact defiling;
Show by your deeds what you're destined to be.

Press boldly forward nor waver, nor falter.
Blood has been freely poured out in your cause,
Lives sacrificed upon Liberty's altar.
Press to the front, it were craven to pause.

Look to the heights that are worth your attaining
Keep your feet firm in the path to the goal.
Toward noble deeds every effort be straining.
Worthy ambition is food for the soul!

Up! Men and brothers, be noble, be earnest!
Ripe is the time and success is assured;
Know that your fate was the hardest and sternest
When through those lash-ringing days you endured.

Never again shall the manacles gall you
Never again shall the whip stroke defame!
Nobles and Freemen, your destinies call you
Onward to honor, to glory and fame.

Speakers and Speeches

Jubilee Day will be commemorated in Ohio Village with a variety of distinguished guest speakers. Speakers will gather in the village Gazebo beginning at 12:30pm on Sun 6/18. Rev. John Parker, John Rankin, Mrs. Ida B. Wells–Barnett, Mr. George Washington Williams, of the Ohio House of Representatives, Ms. Sojourner Truth and John Livingstone are scheduled to deliver speeches. Come One, Come All!

John T. Ward Speaks

6/18 at 3:00pm Outside the Ohio Village Church

News Items

Gathered by telegraph from all parts of the county.

“The colored people celebrated emancipation day to day by a procession. President Grant appeared at the window of the White House, but did not speak. Several rows occurred during the procession, but were confined entirely to blacks.” Richmond Whig, April 20, 1869

“Such a string of colored people passed the White House today that President [Grover Cleveland] and all the members of the cabinet.” Topeka Weekly Capital, April 18, 1889

A delegation of colored men called on the President [Benjamin Harrison] this afternoon and asked him to review the Emancipation Day Parade tomorrow.

Notwithstanding its being a cabinet meeting the President commented and will review the parade from the North Portico of the White House. The colored schoolchildren of the District will also participate in the parade.” The Sun, April 16, 1895

Song Circle in the Big Tent
2:45pm behind the Pharmacy
Hopin to Joplin Town hall 1:30pm

The Village Mercantile

Hardware, Toilet Articles, Stationary, and Cigars
Located next to Barrymore’s

Catalogue Orders Processed on Premises

Edmonia LEWIS, famous artist returns to Ohio Village
6/18@2pm
“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” - Frederick Douglass

“Virtue knows no color.” - Ida B. Wells - Barnett

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June 19, 1865

“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

— General Orders, Number 3; Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865.

Village Items

Mrs. Mary Taylor, will be receiving visitors for an afternoon of gaming and fun at her home this Sunday during the 2 o’clock hour in celebration of Jubilee Day.

The H&P Women’s study club will be hosting a lecture and petition signing Sunday, June 18. Special guest lecturer Ida. B. Wells – Barnett, Hosted by The Ohio Village Chapter of the NACWC, Sr. Bertie Adams, Chairwoman.

Jubilee Day Parade and Services to be held Sunday, June 18 Parade begins at 12:15pm Services begin at 3:15pm

Miss Martha Hartway of the Kelton Family Columbus will be attending the Jubilee Tea hosted by Miss Hazel Burton.

Rev. James POINDEXTER of Columbus will be deliver the Jubilee Day address and sermon this year commemorating the day. Poetry and song are scheduled to close the ceremony. Guest Rev. John RANKIN, Ripley to deliver welcome.

American House Hotel

For Men and Women travelers. Rates $1 to $2 per night. One meal and all conveniences included.

A Checking Account

With the bank it is a great convenience, and he who does not have one is doing himself at a disadvantage. It does not require a large amount of business in order to open an ac. Personal runs, farmers, and many women are running these checking accounts. If you have ever done business in the way and are not familiar with this plan, (which is easy), come in so we will gladly start you.

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